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*Verses written in honour of Washington's
birthday by J. Charleston Fisher LL.D.
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to Wolfe and Montcalm.*

The following Ode on the Anniversary of the Birth of WASHINGTON, was written by Doctor FISHER, when Editor of the Albion, and published in that paper. For obvious reasons, the popular view of the subject is taken. In the fourth Stanza, the punishment of the Pirates is alluded to — in the ninth, tenth, and eleventh, WASHINGTON ; — in the subsequent lines, JOHN ADAMS, formerly President of the United States — and in the last Stanza, his son, the present JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.

DIES VERE FESTUS.

Quò me paventem, Musa, rapis tui
Periculoso numine percitum ;
 Ut tanta dicam fortiori
 Non temerè emodulanda plectro !

Lenita nostro parce, precor, metu,
Urgere. Perstas ! ergo lyram novo
 Fervore velox, et reffectis
 Sumo libens animis repostam.

Jam bina crevit secla COLUMBÆ
Invicta proles ! Inclyta moribus
 Tellus, per omnes mira gentes
 Artibus ingenuis decoras —

Irata, pœnas sumere pertinax,
Hostem marium fulmine territas :
 Frangenda nullis Tu procellis
 Altisonis minitaris undis !

Cornu beato Copia fertiles
Exornat agros, arvaque vestiunt
 Messes opimæ, et plena raris
 Horrea deliciis abundant.

Adsueta duris membra laboribus
Fervet Juventus sanguine nobili :
 Non stirpis hæc oblita priscae,
 Inmemor aut veterum parentum !

Portus capaces vocibus adsonant,
Dum linquit oram navita sedulus :
 Torquet gubernaculum magister,
 Atque jubet dare vela ventis.

Non factiosis civibus angimur,
Nec pœna fortem prosequitur citò
 Quæ sentiat fari, licetque
 Omnibus hic aperire pectus.

Tui per orbem dum celebrabitur,
COLUMBE, magni gloria nominis ;
 Dum corda Libertatis ardor,
 Dum patriæ pietas movebunt :

Unà vigebit celsior omnibus,
Et posterorum laudibus auctior,
 Qui vindicandæ civitatis
 Arbitrio domitæ Britanno,

Suscepit audax consilium ! neque
Fefellit altâ spe minor exitus.
 En jacta fundamenta juris,
 Temporis haud quatienda fluctu !

Qui nunc priorum fulcit imagines,
Quo magna gaudet pagina nominum,
 Spectandus omni labe purus,
 Tam bonitate fideque notus,

Quàm munientis vi sapientiæ,
Nunc dignitati consulit otia
 Felix agendo ; si vocârit
 Patria, non timidus laborum.

Illius urnâ serius exeat
Sors evocatura ! Ast ubi cesserit,
 Sperare fas est, al er idem
 Nil minuet patrios honores !